

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the statement by the Examining Attorney that claims 21 - 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Based on this position, the Examiner only objected to newly presented claims 21 - 26.

By this amendment, Applicant has amended the only independent claim; namely, claim 1, to specifically include the feature of an aqueous cold glue adhesive as part of the structure. Thus, claim 1 is of the same scope as originally presented claim 21, which was stated to be allowable.

Claims 2 - 19 are each either directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 1, and therefore are also submitted to be allowable for the reasons discussed above in connection with claim 1.

Claim 20 also is indirectly dependent upon claim 1, and therefore also requires that the label includes an aqueous cold glue adhesive on the opposed outer skin layer. Claim 20 has been amended to delete the statement of intended use; namely, that the label is intended "to be part of a stack of labels for removal from said stack." Otherwise, claim 20 is substantially duplicative of claim 26, which was indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, claim 26 has been cancelled.

Claims 21 - 25 also have been cancelled because they are duplicative of claims 1, 2, 6, 11 and 12, respectively, based upon the amendment of claim 1 to include an aqueous cold glue adhesive on the opposed outer skin layer.

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Claim 27 has been added to claim a label cut from the multilayer film of claim 1. Thus, claim 27, like claim 20, is directed to a label cut from the multilayer film that includes an aqueous cold glue adhesive on the opposed outer skin layer.

Based upon the amendments presented herein, Applicant submits that all of the claims are limited to the subject matter stated to be allowable by the Examiner, and therefore an indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the amendments presented herein are for the purpose of expediting prosecution of this application, and are without prejudice to Applicant's right to present broader claims in a subsequently filed continuing application.

Respectfully submitted,

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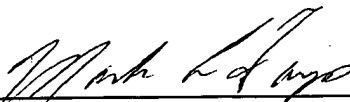
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